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SUBJ: BANNING OF "ROOTS" AT UNIVERSITY OF NATAL

REF: DUBAN 354

1. MR. WANLESS, THE ATTORNEY REPRESENTING THE UNIVERSITY OF NATAL IN THE "ROOTS" CASE, CALLED JUNE 20 TO INQUIRE WHAT WE KNEW OF THE FACTORS BEHIND THE ACTION BY THE POLICE IN REGARDS TO THE SCREENING OF "ROOTS" AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NATAL. HE WAS INFORMED WE HAD NOT CLEARED THE FILM WITH THE PUBLICATIONS BOARD BUT HAD ALSO NOT DONE SO FOR ANY OF THE OTHER FILMS WE REGULARLY EXHIBITED AT THE UNIVERSITY.

2. WANLESS SAID IT WAS HIS OPINION A TECHNICAL OFFENSE HAD BEEN COMMITTED UNDER SECTION 19 OF THE PUBLICATIONS ACT, TO WIT, THE UNIVERSITY HAD NOT SUBMITTED THE FILM TO THE PUBLICATIONS CONTROL BOARD FOR CLEARANCE. HE IS OF THE OPINION THAT THE POLICE WISHED TO MAKE A POINT WITH THE UNIVERSITY ON THIS FILM BUT AT THE SAME TIME DID NOT WISH ADVERSE PUBLICITY. IT IS HIS UNDERSTANDING PROFESSOR CLARENCE IS CONSULTING WITH THE CHANCELLORS OF OTHER UNIVERSITIES IN SOUTH AFRICA AND
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SEEKING THEIR ADVICE ON THE WISDOM OF CONTESTING A CHARGE IN COURT AS OPPOSED TO PAYING THE R100 FINE.

3. WANLESS STATED HE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT THE UNIVERSITY PAY THE FINE AS IT WOULD CLEARLY LOSE IN COURT. HE PROMISED TO KEEP US INFORMED OF SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS.
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